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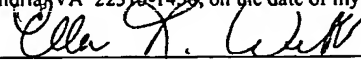
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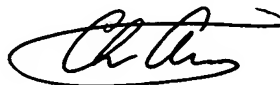
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the office action dated March 29, 2004 and the Examiner's interview with the undersigned on June 28, 2004, and is filed within the three-month shortened statutory period set for response to the office action. Accordingly, no extension of time fee or petition is required.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.